

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2016
7:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 202

Present: Committee Chairman Wilson; Supervisors Hammer, Ludlum, Heimann and Wiegel; Finance Director Maurer and County Clerk Bawden.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wilson. He asked if the meeting was properly posted. Ms. Bawden verified the meeting was posted at the Courthouse, the Darlington Municipal Building, Memorial Hospital, on the County website and sent to the press.

Motion by Mr. Ludlum, second by Mr. Hammer to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Wiegel, second by Mr. Heimann to approve the minutes of September 8, 12, 16, 20 & 23rd as printed. Voice vote, motion carried.

2016 Lafayette County Budget: Ms. Maurer went over the budget as of the last meeting. The additional requests are at \$135,390 and the allowable levy to work with after basic budget is \$264,250. Right now we have \$128,860 available to work with. The committee had previously discussed a possible wage increase across the board for 2017. She was asked to calculate the possible cost of a 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ % wage increase which would be approximately \$109,000. That would not include any wage increase at the Hospital because the Hospital does not require levy. It also does not include Highway because the Commissioner said that any increase that was approved would be absorbed into his levy. Law Enforcement was also excluded because the majority of Law Enforcement personnel are getting a wage increase through union contract. At the last meeting there was discussion on figuring a wage increase by cents per hour. The 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ % would equal \$.33/hour. Ms. Maurer went over the pros and cons of giving a wage increase by cents per hour. There was discussion at the last meeting about personnel in the County Clerk's office so that needs to be discussed and decided, and discussion regarding Public Health position from .6 to FT which would be an increase \$17,343. Motion by Mr. Heimann, second by Mr. Wiegel to increase a Public Health employee from .6 to full time. Voice vote, motion carried. Clean Sweep was discussed. Mr. Ludlum motioned to eliminate clean sweep from the budget. Mr. Heimann seconded the motion. Voice vote, motion carried. There was discussion on the staffing of the County Clerk's office and relocation of the HR Director. After discussion, motion by Mr. Ludlum second by Mr. Hammer to leave status quo in the County Clerk's office. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Mr. Hammer then motioned to approve a wage increase of \$.33/hour for 2017. Mr. Heimann seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ms. Maurer is recommending that any surplus we still have of levy available go to the consulting line for IT. Motion by Mr. Heimann, second

by Mr. Hammer to add any amount left over in the levy capacity to increase IT consulting. Voice vote, motion carried.

Ms. Maurer will work on adding \$.33/hour into the departmental budgets and will distribute to departments.

There was discussion on the Highway building. Still trying to get estimates on the building. Mr. Wiegel feels we should borrow the money in 2017 and postpone payment until 2018. Motion by Mr. Wiegel, second by Mr. Hammer to postpone repayment of building loan until 2018 budget. Voice vote, motion carried. Motion by Mr. Wiegel, second by Mr. Heimann to include \$400,000 borrowing for Highway equipment. Voice vote, motion carried.

Next meeting date is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2016 at 8:30 A.M.

Motion by Mr. Wiegel, second by Mr. Hammer to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 A.M.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2016
8:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 202

Present: Committee Chairman Wilson; Supervisors Hammer, Ludlum, Heimann and Wiegel; County Board Chairman Sauer; Finance Director Maurer and County Clerk Bawden.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Mr. Wilson. He asked if the meeting was properly posted. Ms. Bawden verified the meeting was posted at the Courthouse, the Darlington Municipal Building, Memorial Hospital, on the County website and sent to the press.

Motion by Mr. Heimann, second by Mr. Wiegel to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Ludlum, second by Mr. Hammer to convene to closed session pursuant to WI. Stat Section 19.85 (1)(e) for discussion regarding the 2017 Hospital Budget, the investing of public funds and other specified public business as required for competitive and bargaining reasons so as to remain competitive in the marketplace. On a roll call vote, all voted yes.

Motion by Mr. Hammer, second by Mr. Wiegel to reconvene to open session. Voice vote, motion carried.

Discussion regarding Public Health employee and the water quality program. Mr. Heimann motioned and Mr. Hammer seconded to have the County, finance the water testing program at \$1000 for postage and mailing and 25% of the cost of testing. Voice vote, motion carried. This would add \$5,425 additional to the budget.

Ms. Maurer then went on to explain that \$6,904,425 is the maximum levy before debt service. At this point, we are anticipating borrowing \$2.5 million for purchasing the clinic and implementing Epic. The cost of that debt will be reimbursed 100% by the Hospital to the County. She did some research on this debt and in order to get a favorable interest rate, we will need this to be general obligation debt which means that it has full backing of the County. The County does not need to levy any taxes to cover this debt because the Hospital is going to pay this 100%. However, if the Hospital can't pay it for some reason, the County will be on the hook for this debt and will then have to levy for this debt. We will be borrowing for the building going up at the Highway and we don't know how much that is going to cost right now, so it was mentioned that we could borrow in 2017 but not start re-payment until 2018. Ms. Maurer is proposing that the \$400,000 that the Highway wants for equipment in this budget, we could still provide that funding to the Highway in that same borrowing as the building, so they will still get their \$400,000 in money and postpone re-payments until 2018. \$6,904,425 is the levy before our debt service. Based on the summary just laid out, the debt service is \$406,548 which is not for any of the new borrowing. She is estimating that the total levy for 2017 will be \$7,500,543.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 24, 2016 at 7:30 A.M.

Motion by Mr. Heimann, second by Mr. Ludlum to adjourn. Motion carried.